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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to set up a university to promote hospitality and tourism education with an objective to integrate all the existing institutions of hotel management and catering technology and travel and tourism under the university ambit;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to set up skill development centres in the field of tourism industry;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) whether any proposal has been put forth so far for the development of tourism in Kutchh of Gujarat and if so, the time by which it is likely to be approved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Tourism is exploring possibility of obtaining statutory status for the National Council for Hotel Management & Catering Technology and the Indian Institute of Travel and Tourism for awarding degrees in the field of Hospitality and Tourism education, respectively.

(c) & (d): The skill development programmes of the Ministry of Tourism are implemented through the Institutes of Hotel management and other identified institutions under the Scheme "Capacity Building for Service Providers".

(e): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism infrastructure projects as per the relevant scheme guidelines subject to availability of funds and receipt of due utilization certificates. No proposal has been received from the State Government for development of tourism in Kutchh of Gujarat in the current financial year.

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